



A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau . . .

We are requesting your cooperation with the Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems. The U.S. Census Bureau uses the information from this survey to update our list of jurisdictions that issue building or zoning permits. From these jurisdictions, we obtain statistics on the number and valuation of residential housing units authorized by building or zoning permits.

This survey produces estimates of construction of new housing units, the largest component of the construction industry. We also use your data to produce population estimates at the local government level. The population estimates are used by government agencies to allocate funding and other resources to your local area and for various planning purposes. Data users rely on your detailed geographic data to monitor growth and develop production and marketing strategies. Therefore, your cooperation in this survey is especially important.

Please complete all sections applicable to the jurisdiction shown in the "FOR" line of the address section of the enclosed Form C-411, "Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems". Return the completed form in the enclosed envelope. You may also submit your survey by fax (301-763-8587) within 30 days of the postmark stamped on the front of the envelope.

We estimate this survey will take an average of 15 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please call the Residential Construction Branch at 1-800-845-8244, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Dillingham".

Steven D. Dillingham

Enclosures

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0350 and appears in the upper right corner of the report form. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

Title 13 United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes the Census Bureau to conduct this collection and request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13 United States Code, Section 9(b), exempting data that are customarily provided in public records from rules of confidentiality.

Burden Estimate Statement

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